



Wednesday, December 16, 2020
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council was called to order by Mayor Mahmud on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 7:45 p.m., in the Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present via Zoom: Councilmembers Donovan, Primuth, and Zneimer; Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti and Mayor Mahmud

Absent: None

City Staff Present: Interim City Manager Sean Joyce (in attendance via Zoom); City Attorney Teresa Highsmith (in attendance via Zoom); and Chief City Clerk Ayala were present at Roll Call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Donovan led the flag salute.

1. Closed Session Announcements

A. EXISTING LITIGATION

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Two Cases:

1. *McElfresh v. City of South Pasadena*
2. *Rubin v. City of South Pasadena*

City Attorney Terri Highsmith reported that Council met in Closed Session to review two cases as stated; direction was provided to legal counsel but no action was taken in closed session.

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

Title: City Attorney

City Attorney Highsmith reported that Council met in Closed Session to begin the Public Employee Performance Evaluation for City Attorney; evaluation was not completed due to time constraints and will be continued at the next available closed session.

2. Public Comments - General

Mayor Mahmud announced public comments are intended to address matters not on the agenda for the meeting. Citizens have the option of emailing or leaving a voice mail for the Council but the Council prefers either one or the other.

Chief City Clerk Ayala announced the names of those who submitted public comment via e-mail (these comments were not read, but are added to the official final record of the meeting and are available under the meeting's Additional Documents):

- Mica Haserjian

Chief City Clerk Ayala played an audio recording of the public comment received via the City's public comment phone line:

- Brandon Yung - Provided comments congratulating the new Council members and praising how well they represent the community.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

3. Authorize Commission Appointments

Mayor Mahmud presented the item.

No public comment.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PRIMUTH, CARRIED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE, to:

1. Appoint:

- Michelle Hammond, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission, to a three-year term ending December 31, 2023
- David Uwins, Library Board of Trustees, to a vacant unexpired term ending December 31, 2021

2. Reappoint:

- Mark Gallatin, Cultural Heritage Commission, to a three-year term ending December 31, 2023
- Ed Elsner, Finance Commission, to a three-year term ending December 31, 2023
- Fred Findley, Finance Commission, to a three-year term ending December 31, 2023
- Kristine Kwong, Parks and Recreation Commission, to a three-year term ending December 31, 2023
- Laura Dahl, Planning Commission, to a three-year term ending December 31, 2023

- Janet Braun, Planning Commission, to a three-year term ending December 31, 2023
- Kris Kuramitsu, Public Art Commission, to a three-year term ending December 31, 2023
- Steven Wong, Public Art Commission, to a three-year term ending December 31, 2023
- Sam Hernandez, Public Works Commission, to a three-year term ending December 31, 2023
- Charles Trevino, Public Works Commission, to a three-year term ending December 31, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS

4. Councilmembers Communications

Councilmember Zneimer reported her attendance at a media teleconference regarding COVID-19 vaccine distribution logistics where she and Mayor Mahmud had the opportunity to ask questions.

Councilmember Primuth announced he looks forward to providing future reports after involving himself more in the governmental process.

Councilmember Donovan encouraged residents to support local restaurants and buy local for Christmas. He reported he and his wife participated in the Johnson & Johnson testing trial for a COVID-19 vaccination. He also reported on a vaccine trial and offered information for interested parties.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for their time discussing issues earlier this week. He noted resident Nelson Tucker has some recommendations for the Public Safety Commission for using unarmed Police Officers on traffic stops among other traffic stop related ideas.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti displayed various pictures regarding: a potbellied pig and his owner, Ian Marshall, at Garfield Park; Public Works staff working on a fire hydrant on Mission Street by Garfield Park; a testing project of an electric locomotive in Anaheim; staff and customers at Ace Hardware; various pictures of the ongoing Graves Reservoir Replacement Project; various pictures of a water source owned by the City although it is located in San Marino; and various pictures of new lawn equipment in Garfield Park purchased by the City.

Mayor Mahmud recapped the Strategic Planning meeting from the League of California Cities Los Angeles County Division. She advised the League decided on goals for the upcoming year which she will report upon once they are approved.

Mayor Mahmud also reported on attendance at the Planning Commission. She reported the Planning Commission approved a building permit on Meridian Avenue, received a comprehensive presentation on the Inclusionary Ordinance, and formed a subcommittee to further explore the matter.

Mayor Mahmud reported COVID-19 case totals in Los Angeles County and South Pasadena, advising residents to be careful, always wear a mask outside of their homes, and take precautions to contain the spread of the virus. Mayor Mahmud also announced a virtual town hall hosted by the County's Public Health Department scheduled and offered information for interested parties.

5. City Manager Communications

Interim City Manager Sean Joyce reported City staff applied for a \$6 million grant for a Fremont Avenue Complete Street Project under the Metro Active Transport (MAT) Program and advised South Pasadena's application was one of five selected. He thanked the Public Works Department for its work.

Interim City Manager Joyce added the City received its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation of 2,062 units in the current cycle. He advised the Council has appealed this assessment to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to receive a reduction of 846 units; the appeal is scheduled for January 6, 2021. He further advised 50 other cities are also appealing their assessments. He provided a Zoom link for those interested.

Interim City Manager Joyce noted the application period for the City's Emergency Rental Assistance Program has been extended to February 1, 2021, and packets are available on the City's website. He added funding is still available as they have more resources than applications to date.

6. Reordering of and Additions to the Agenda

Councilmember Zneimer pulled Item No. 7 for clarification only.

Mayor Mahmud requested to hear Item No. 23 earlier and advised this item has been continued twice from prior Council agendas; and request it be heard before Item No. 18 due to an extensive amount of recorded public comment on other items.

Councilmember Primuth pulled Item No. 17. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti agreed.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti's inquiry, Mayor Mahmud expressed concern that public comments on Item No. 18 do not reflect current staff recommendations because they have changed from what is listed in the agenda packet.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Mahmud noted there is a written public comment on Item No. 8.

Councilmember Zneimer pulled Item No. 7.

Councilmember Primuth and Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti pulled Item No. 17.

Chief City Clerk Ayala announced that additional documents were provided with updated staff recommendations for Item Nos. 7, 11, 12, 13 and 16.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN, CARRIED 5-0, to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 8-16 with updates and recommendations as provided by additional documents.

8. Approval of 2021 City Council Meeting Schedule

City Council approved a City Council meeting schedule for the 2021 calendar year.

Written public comment provided by Josh Albrektson.

9. Appointment of Acting City Clerk

City Council appointed Maria E. Ayala, Chief City Clerk to serve as Acting City Clerk for the remaining and final term of the elected City Clerk expiring December 2022.

10. Monthly Investment Reports for October 2020

City Council received and filed the monthly investment reports for October 2020.

11. Adoption of Resolution No. 7690 Continuing the Proclamation of a Local Emergency Due to the Outbreak of COVID- 19, Authorizing the City Manager to Take All Necessary Actions as the Director of Emergency Services

City Council:

1. Adopted Resolution No. 7690 continuing the proclamation of a local emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19 to include updates as presented in the additional documents; and
2. Authorized the City Manager to take all necessary actions as the Director of Emergency Services.

12. Approval of Resolution No. 7691 a CalPERS Resolution Correcting the Employer Contribution under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act at an Equal Amount for Employees and Annuitants; and Approval of Resolution No. 7692 Establishing Unrepresented Management Benefits

City Council:

1. Approved Resolution No. 7691, to reflect revised language to the employer contribution under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMCHA) at amounts specified in the attached resolution for annuitants; and
2. Approved Resolution No. 7692 for the Unrepresented Management Benefit Resolution correcting the amount the City contributes for retiree health insurance.

13. Adoption of Resolution No. 7693 Approving a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the City of South Pasadena and the Los Angeles Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force

City Council:

1. Approved Resolution No. 7693 adopting an MOA between the City and the Los Angeles Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force to include updates as presented in the additional documents;; and
2. Delegated authority to the City Manager to approve and execute the MOA and any further amendments to the MOA.

14. Authorize a First Amendment to each of the Professional Services Agreements with Rincon Consultants and Interwest Consulting Group for providing Major Project Review for a Total Not- To- Exceed Amount of \$300,000 Per Contract

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a first amendment to each of the Professional Services Agreements (PSAs) with Rincon Consultants and Interwest Consulting Group to extend the term of the PSA for two years to continue providing service for Major Project Review for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 per contract.

15. Authorize Staff to Accept Funding from the Certified Local Government Grant Program for the Preparation of an Amendment to the City's Accessory Dwelling Units Ordinance

City Council authorized City staff to accept a \$40,000 award from the California Office of Historic Preservation Local Government Unit Certified Local Government Grant Program for the preparation of an amendment to the City's existing Accessory Dwelling Units Ordinance.

16. Adoption of Resolution No. 7694 Authorizing Submittal of an Application to CalRecycle for the Tire Rubberized Grant Program (TRP)

City Council:

1. Adopted Resolution No. 7694 authorizing the submittal of a grant application in the amount of \$250,000 to participate in the State of California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) Tire Rubberized Grant Program (TRP); and
2. Authorized the City Manager to execute documents required to obtain the grant.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

7. Approval of Prepaid Warrants

In response to Councilmember Zneimer's inquiries, Director of Planning and Building Joanna Hankamer clarified that the City's contract with PlaceWorks, Inc. is a "not to exceed" amount. She explained the payment in Item No. 7 is not "in addition to" any base contract and noted the total contract is over \$200,000.

In response to Councilmember Zneimer's inquiry, Interim Police Chief Brian Solinsky clarified the Police Department's previous firearms were outdated and traded in for a new allotment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ZNEIMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PRIMUTH, CARRIED 5-0, to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 7 and approve warrants as presented in additional documents.

17. Approve the Revised Scope of the Project to Evaluate Different Alternatives for the State Route 110 and Fair Oaks Avenue Interchange Modification Project Approved by the Metro Board as a Measure R State Route 710 Mobility Improvement Project, Direct Staff to Proceed with the Traffic Study for the Revised Scope and Authorize the Allocation of \$200,000 in Prop C Funds for the Traffic Study.

Director of Public Works Shahid Abbas presented the item.

Council held considerable discussion on this item. Both Director Abbas and Interim City Manager Joyce responded to Council questions and comments accordingly regarding: rescoping and reprioritizing the project; discussions with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro); the City receiving \$70 million from Metro for construction of the hook ramp and off-ramp improvements at Fair Oaks Avenue and State Route 110; the many technical concerns raised about the constructability of a hook ramp at the location; clarifying differences between loop ramp and a hook ramp; researching alternatives for local traffic corridors before agreeing on a final plan to maintain flexibility; etc.

The following individual submitted public comment via e-mail (this comment was not read, but is added to the official final record of the meeting and is available under the meeting's Additional Documents):

- Eric Winter
- Lawrence Abelson

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRIMUTH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZNEIMER, CARRIED 5-0, to:

1. Approve the revised scope of the project to evaluate alternatives for the State Route 110 (SR-110) and Fair Oaks Interchange Modification Project approved by the Metro Board as a Measure R State Route 710 (SR-710) Mobility Improvement Project (MIP); and
2. Direct staff to conduct a traffic study associated with the revised scope.
3. Authorize the allocation of \$200,000 of Prop C funds for the traffic study.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM

23. Adoption of California Environmental Quality Act Initial Study and Negative Declaration and the Proposed Climate Action Plan

Deputy Director of Public Works Julian Lee and Hannah Mize, Rincon Consultants, Inc., provided the PowerPoint presentation on the item.

In response to Mayor Mahmud's inquiries, Deputy Director of Public Works Lee clarified the CAP has been revised but is not an ordinance stating residents cannot use natural gas in their homes for cooking. He also stated his department could come up with reach codes in the future.

The following individual submitted public comment via e-mail (this comment was not read, but is added to the official final record of the meeting and is available under the meeting's Additional Documents):

- Jerilyn Schmidt
- Andy Au
- Casey Law
- Wesley Reutimann
- Laurie Wheeler
- Megan Lynch
- William Kelly

Chief City Clerk Ayala played an audio recording of the public comment received via the City's public comment phone line:

- Diana Coronado - Provided comments in favor of reassessing the CAP to assess the pandemic's impacts, include a Housing Production Analysis, and a Cost Effectiveness Study. She also expressed concerns over mandates on new housing projects which exceed the State's.
- Helen Romero-Shaw - Provided comments on behalf of Southern California Gas Company clarifying what she considers inaccurate and incomplete statements in the CAP about the company's cleanliness referring to a letter sent to the Council. She promoted many benefits and misconceptions of natural gas.
- Thano Adamson - Provided comments against the unrealistic goal of eliminating gas appliances especially in regards to perceived vast increases in electricity demand.
- Walter - Provided comments supporting the CAP particularly the electrification of new construction.
- Unknown - Provided comments about renewable energy sources.
- Brandon Yung - Provided comments supporting the CAP and electrification, citing the town's main population of young families who will reap the future benefits. He also encouraged more residents ride bicycles.
- Steve Dahl - Provided comments requesting a CAP, which incorporates multiple energy sources for its usefulness in homes and restaurants when there, is a power outage.
- Wesley Reutimann - Provided comments in support of the CAP on behalf of Active San Gabriel Valley. He encouraged acting upon the most cost-effective elements of the plan first, particularly electrification.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti commented he supports moving forward with electrification citing Planning Commissioner Steve Dahl's public comments, and advised the CAP needs to be implemented in ordinances over time with urgency given to electrification ordinances as new development continues in South Pasadena.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti commented he supports the CAP's proposed restriction on gas-powered lawn equipment but would like it phased in over time so professionals can afford to upgrade their equipment. He requested public commenter Brandon Yung encourage the South Pasadena Unified School District to switch over to electric lawn equipment.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti expressed his passionate support for the CAP's call for the City to have a full-green vehicle fleet and called for action on the CAP's proposals.

Councilmember Zneimer advised solar use in new construction could help when the power grid is offline and believes there will be battery-operated backup equipment in the future. She expressed her opposition to a gas stove exemption because people can modify their cooking methods. She added most of the electrification public comments did not address health issues such as upper respiratory diseases, which the CAP will help lessen in future generations.

Mayor Mahmud referred to a written public comment about the "high cost to our residents to participate in the Clean Power Alliance (CPA)." Mayor Mahmud explained the cost breakdowns between CPA and Edison. She offered contact information for customers interested in switch to clean energy products.

Mayor Mahmud clarified the City joined the CPA 2017 with commercial CPA services beginning in 2018. She noted residents started to receive service in 2019. She requested the ability to make minor edits to the Climate Action Plan.

Mayor Mahmud reported the proposal calls for an annual update on the CAP be submitted to the NREC. She recommended this report be either quarterly or semi-annual with an annual update submitted to the City Council for greater visibility before the triannual reviews. She echoed Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti's request for a referral to the NREC for recommended elements towards a City Reach Code.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZNEIMER, CARRIED 5-0, to adopt the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study and Negative Declaration for Climate Action Plan; and adopt the proposed Climate Action Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING

18. Continued Public Hearing for Discussion of Additional Tenant Protections; Adoption of Ordinance No. 2350 Extending the 45- day Moratorium on Evictions for Substantial Remodels without building permits for an Additional 10 Months and 15 Days

Interim City Manager Joyce informed the Council the RHNA public meeting had been rescheduled to January 11, 2021, instead of January 6, 2021. He announced Deputy Director of Public Works Lee has accepted a Director of Public Works position elsewhere in the area. He thanked Deputy Director of Public Works Lee for his contributions to South Pasadena.

Assistant to the City Manager Lucy Demirjian reported on the following: concerns over the California Tenant Protection Act (Assembly Bill 1482); item being continued to tonight and advised staff has since held additional stakeholder meetings and presented findings to the Planning Commission; detailed the legal definition of “substantial remodel”; tenants concerns regarding being evicted without proof or explanation of substantial remodeling; that December 15, 2020 Planning Commission meeting recommendation to extend the moratorium and agreeing with the proposed permit requirement and proposed January outreach efforts; etc.

Assistant to the City Manager Demirjian further elaborated on staff’s recommendations and explained that Council can extend it up to 10 months and 15 days but the intent is to return to City Council in February or March with an ordinance for approval. She advised relocation assistance would require additional study.

Director of Planning and Building Hankamer and City Attorney Highsmith responded to Council question and comments accordingly regarding: relative State legislation; the legal effects of an ordinance in comparison to a moratorium; staff’s rationale behind 10-month moratorium; etc.

Council held considerable discussion on this item regarding: outreach to landlords having challenges navigating a potentially highly-regulated permit system; timeline on ordinance; probability of a forthcoming Permit Tracking System for public use; future extension of moratorium; etc.

Mayor Mahmud requested shortening public comment from three (3) to two (2) minutes when over 30 minutes of oral public comments are anticipated but acknowledged it is not possible because the comments are pre-recorded. She encouraged residents to email their comments.

Mayor Mahmud opened the public hearing at 9:47 p.m.

The following individual submitted public comment via e-mail (this comment was not read, but is added to the official final record of the meeting and is available under the meeting’s Additional Documents):

- Rian Barrett
- Deborah Lutz
- Danielle Peretz
- John Srebalus
- Ella Hushagen
- Elisabeth Eilers
- Tom Eilers
- Matt Buck
- Helen Tran

Chief City Clerk Ayala played an audio recording of the public comment received via the City's public comment phone line:

- Angel Marti Castillo - Provided comments supporting the measure banning these "renovictions" on a permanent basis.
- Rian Barrett - Provided comments on behalf of the Pasadena Association of Realtors stating these measures are premature solutions to which there is no evidence of a problem, citing AB 3088.
- Laura Joseph - Provided comments expressing support of the measure on a permanent basis.
- Unknown - Provided comments describing her experience as a no-fault evicted tenant who felt she was harassed into leaving her home.
- Allison Braun - Provided comments supporting the measure.
- Alex Fleming - Provided comments support the measure.
- Elisa Ruiz - Provided comments expressing support of the measure on behalf of renters evicted in the name of profits.
- Ella Hushagen - Provided comments supporting a permanent ordinance ahead of an anticipated rash of evictions in 2021 as the moratorium sunsets.
- Joanne - Provided comments supporting the measure to permanently close the loophole.
- Anne Bagasao – Expressed concerns over the City siding with landlords and their paid professional cajolers over hard-working resident tenants.
- Andrea Seigel - Provided comments urging the Council to support its residents by passing this measure.
- Teresa Eilers - Provided comments supporting the measure and encouraged passing as many policies as possible to avoid a possible upcoming mass evictions.
- Annie Chelsea - Provided comments urging the City Council to take decisive action against abuse of this loophole and approve the measure.
- Robin Becker - Provided comments supporting the measure on a permanent basis.
- Bill Kelly - Provided comments supporting a ban on evictions and urged City Council to not succumb to landlord lobbyists.

- John Srebalus - Provided comments expressing support of the measure on a permanent basis.
- Matthew Buck - Provided comments on behalf of the California Apartment Association (CAA) stating there is no loophole in AB 1482 and noted there is already a statewide moratorium on evictions during the pandemic.
- Juana Perez - Provided comments supporting permanent renter protections for South Pasadena residents.
- Matthew Barbato - Provided comments urging the City Council to approve the measure as soon as possible out of concern for residents struggling during the pandemic who need protection.
- Allison Henry - Provided comments expressing support of the measure on a permanent basis.
- Amy Arnelle - Provided comments expressing support of the measure on a permanent basis.
- Jan Marshall - Provided comments supporting the renters of South Pasadena and urged the Council to support them by passing this measure to help them while preserving affordable housing.
- Brandon Yung - Provided comments stating the matter is not a legal question but rather a test of City Council's responsiveness to its constituents as South Pasadena is majority renters. He referenced the City of Long Beach's ordinance as evidence it is doable for the City.
- Danielle Leidner-Peretz - Provided comments on behalf of the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles stating the loophole is merely a perceived loophole and is not supported by data. She added AB 3088 prohibits evictions through February 1, 2021, and asked the new Council to pause the City's ordinance process and instead focusing on permit-related logistics.

Mayor Mahmud closed the public hearing at 10:20 p.m.

In response to Mayor Mahmud's inquiries, City Attorney Highsmith clarified the ordinance referenced by several commenters was brought to City Council in October 2020 and included provisions for increasing relocation costs but everything else is the same as the City's moratorium. City Attorney Highsmith further elaborated on the provisions of the moratorium and the City's intention to move towards a permanent ordinance in response to other Council questions.

In response to Councilmember Primuth's inquiries, Director of Planning and Building Hankamer advised staff received requests for a public meeting, which will be held in January

2021 with topics including tenant protections and inclusionary housing, and noted staff hopes to continue one-on-one outreach. Director Hankamer further elaborated on staff outreach to “mom-and-pop” landlords; concerns over rash evictions; etc.

In response to Councilmember Zneimer’s inquiries, City Attorney Highsmith stated the current state law requirement for a no-fault eviction like this is one month’s rent. She clarified the current moratorium includes the protections the tenants were looking for and if City Council wishes to bifurcate the relocation issue staff could bring back a permanent version of the moratorium as early as January.

Councilmember Zneimer reported 51% of South Pasadena residents are renters who contribute to the City’s economy at a time of financial hardship. She requested the moratorium become permanent and requested bifurcation of the relocation fee issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti expressed his support of the bifurcation idea and endorsed the idea of having an ordinance to solidify the current moratorium prepared for the City Council consideration in January 2021. He requested to see the relocation assistance issue returned to City Council by March or April. He suggested an increased penalty to separate unscrupulous landlords from the others.

City Attorney Highsmith confirmed there is a provision under the Health and Safety Code that outlines tenant displacement due to a public agency deeming their residence uninhabitable. She advised that under this statute, tenants are entitled to two months’ relocation benefits which increases to three months if the landlord does not comply. She advised she could draft this into the ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti expressed his support for bifurcating the relocation benefits issue after additional public input and separating penalties for legitimate landlords from unscrupulous landlords.

Councilmember Donovan expressed his opposition to bifurcating the two matters.

In response to Councilmember Primuth’s inquiry, Director of Planning and Building Hankamer reported the Planning Commission was very comfortable with the permit provision already included in the moratorium. She added there was some interest in benchmarking the relocation assistance fees with other small cities but expressed concerned at looking at templates from larger cities.

Director of Planning and Building Hankamer advised the moratorium already includes the desired permit-based protections and staff can easily bring an ordinance to Council in January making these protections permanent. She feels comfortable bringing the permanent eviction protections back to City Council without additional Planning Commission input.

Councilmember Zneimer expressed her continued desire for bifurcation to take care of the eviction protections immediately and focus on the relocation assistance issue in January or February.

Mayor Mahmud commented this timeline is too aggressive for the Planning Commission and believes April 2021 is a more likely target date for revisiting the relocation assistance fee issue on a City Council level. She seconded Mayor Pro Tem's motion for a bifurcation noting the relocation assistance fee issue is complicated.

Councilmember Primuth expressed his support for bifurcation and noted the only unresolved matter is the duration of the moratorium extension. He advised he is comfortable with staff's timeline on both issues.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti's inquiry, Councilmember Donovan, Director of Planning and Building Hankamer, and Councilmember Primuth each stated a four-month extension of the moratorium would be sufficient if the rental assistance fee issue is bifurcated.

Mayor Mahmud added the motion would have to be for a four-month extension or City Council's adoption of a permanent ordinance, whichever occurs first.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti's inquiry, City Attorney Highsmith reaffirmed the moratorium could still be extended once more should unforeseen circumstances delay the anticipated January timeline beyond April.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECONDED BY MAYOR MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to approve a four-month extension of the moratorium on evictions for substantial remodeling without building permits; and to adopt Ordinance No. 2350 Extending an Interim Moratorium on Evictions of Residential Tenancies Due to Substantial Remodeling or Demolition of the Unit in the City of South Pasadena, and Declaring the Urgency Thereof.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

19. Adoption of Resolution No. 7695 Regarding Elimination of Library Overdue Material Fees to Ensure Equitable Access to Library Services

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti requested the staff report be waived. There were no objections.

No public comment provided.

Mayor Pro Tem stated this measure has been approved by the Library Board of Trustees and is comparable to many other libraries across the nation.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN, CARRIED 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 7695 to eliminate fees for overdue library material, effective January 1, 2021.

20. Consideration of Appointment of City Council Athens Contract Ad Hoc Committee

Interim City Manager Joyce presented the staff report.

Mayor Mahmud noted City Council took the same tact the last time Athens' rate adjusted and reported her and then Councilmember Joe participated.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti moved to establish the Ad Hoc Committee with two attorneys, Mayor Mahmud and Councilmember Primuth. Councilmember Primuth declined the appointment. Councilmember Donovan volunteered for the assignment.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti's inquiry, Deputy Director of Public Works Lee agreed to select two (2) members of the NREC to complete the Ad Hoc Committee.

In response to Councilmember Donovan's inquiry, Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti referenced Interim City Manager Joyce's memo clarifying the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee.

No public comment provided.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZNEIMER, CARRIED 5-0, to appoint two members of the City Council to the Athens Contract Ad Hoc Committee and approve its revised scope of work, and appoint Mayor Mahmud and Councilmember Donovan to serve on the Committee.

21. Approve a List of Capital Improvement Projects and Allocation from the Capital Improvement Funds of \$92,000 (see note below) for the San Pascual Stables

Community Services Director Sheila Pautsch presented the staff report.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti's inquiry, Community Services Director Pautsch confirmed the location on a map of the facility. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti agreed this area is dilapidated and this will be a great improvement.

Community Services Director Pautsch confirmed the official staff recommendation, as updated by the Additional Documents, and stated this usage of the CIF would enhance revenues for the City so she would recommend allocating \$92,300 to cover the projects.

No public comment provided.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ZNEIMER, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the attached list of capital improvement projects and an allocation of \$92,230 from the San Pascual Stables Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) to finance the enumerated improvements at San Pascual Stables, LLC (SPS).

22. Approval of a Lease Purchase Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for Purchase of Equipment and Software, Training and Support of a Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$570,999.84, and an Additional \$50,000 for Implementation Costs, and Authorize Use of COPS Grant Funds for the Project

Interim City Manager Joyce thanked Police Lieutenant Shannon Robledo and Assistant to the City Manager Demirjian for their teamwork to get this item presented tonight.

Interim Police Chief Solinsky presented the staff report.

Councilmember Primuth complimented Interim Police Chief Solinsky for deciding not to consolidate data referencing the difficulties of a data migration project at his firm.


No public comment provided.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PRIMUTH, CARRIED 5-0, to approve of a Lease Purchase Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for purchase of equipment and software, training and support of a Computer-Aided Dispatch and Records Management System for a not-to-exceed amount of \$570,999.84, and an additional \$50,000 for implementation costs, and authorize the use of COPS Grant Funds for the project.

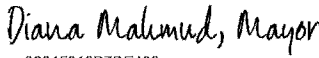
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mahmud announced a next Regular City Council meeting on January 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business, at 11:18 p.m. Mayor Mahmud adjourned the meeting.

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Diana Mahmud
Mayor

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